

Table 131 (page 1 of 2). Health care coverage for persons 65 years of age and over, according to type of coverage and selected characteristics: United States, selected years 1989–99

[Data are based on household interviews of a sample of the civilian noninstitutionalized population]

Characteristic	Private insurance ¹					Private insurance obtained through workplace ^{1,2}				
	1989	1995 ³	1997 ³	1998	1999	1989	1995 ³	1997 ³	1998	1999
Number in millions										
Total ⁴	22.4	23.5	22.3	21.5	20.8	11.2	12.4	12.0	11.8	11.1
Percent of population										
Total, age adjusted ^{4,5}	76.1	74.5	69.5	66.7	64.0	37.3	38.9	37.0	36.5	34.1
Total, crude ⁴	76.5	74.6	69.5	66.7	64.1	38.4	39.5	37.5	36.7	34.3
Age										
65–74 years	78.2	75.1	69.9	66.6	64.5	43.7	43.3	42.0	39.7	37.9
75 years and over	73.9	73.9	69.1	66.8	63.5	30.2	34.1	31.6	33.0	29.9
75–84 years	75.9	75.7	70.2	68.1	64.6	32.0	36.0	33.2	35.1	31.9
85 years and over	65.5	67.3	64.7	61.8	59.6	22.8	27.3	25.6	25.3	23.0
Sex ⁵										
Male	77.4	76.6	72.1	68.5	64.5	42.1	43.3	42.0	40.7	37.8
Female	75.4	73.2	67.7	65.5	63.8	34.0	35.8	33.5	33.6	31.4
Race ^{5,6}										
White	79.8	78.3	72.7	70.3	67.5	38.7	40.4	37.9	37.9	35.1
Black	42.3	40.3	42.5	40.3	40.2	23.7	24.6	30.8	27.3	27.3
Hispanic origin and race ⁵										
All Hispanic ⁶	42.3	39.8	30.6	29.1	26.9	22.2	18.4	17.7	17.8	17.3
Mexican	33.5	31.8	31.8	26.5	27.4	20.2	15.9	17.7	17.2	16.8
White, non-Hispanic	81.0	80.3	74.9	72.3	69.6	39.3	41.7	39.0	38.8	36.2
Black, non-Hispanic	42.4	40.1	42.6	40.5	40.4	23.7	24.4	30.7	27.6	27.4
Percent of poverty level ^{5,7}										
Below 100 percent	46.1	40.0	31.9	32.8	28.3	11.6	13.8	7.2	10.0	8.5
100–149 percent	67.7	67.6	54.5	48.7	44.6	22.2	26.7	17.4	19.1	14.7
150–199 percent	81.1	76.0	69.8	65.6	62.0	39.0	38.7	33.3	30.9	27.0
200 percent or more	85.5	85.3	81.8	78.6	75.5	49.4	49.3	48.5	49.1	44.6
Geographic region ⁵										
Northeast	76.1	76.2	72.7	72.0	66.0	42.2	44.6	42.3	43.0	39.2
Midwest	81.9	82.3	78.5	78.3	77.0	40.0	44.7	40.7	40.7	37.9
South	73.0	70.7	66.0	62.0	60.2	32.0	33.7	32.9	33.1	30.5
West	74.7	68.8	59.9	54.9	51.5	37.1	33.6	33.6	30.3	29.9
Location of residence ⁵										
Within MSA ⁸	76.6	74.7	68.4	65.5	62.8	39.9	40.9	38.6	38.2	35.5
Outside MSA ⁸	74.8	73.9	73.2	70.6	68.2	30.2	32.2	31.8	31.1	29.4

See footnotes at end of table.

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Characteristic	Medicaid ^{1,9}					Medicare only ¹⁰				
	1989	1995 ³	1997 ³	1998	1999	1989	1995 ³	1997 ³	1998	1999
Number in millions										
Total ⁴	2.0	3.0	2.5	2.6	2.4	4.5	4.6	6.7	7.5	8.5
Percent of population										
Total, age adjusted ^{4,5}	7.2	9.6	7.9	8.1	7.4	15.7	14.8	20.8	23.3	26.3
Total, crude ⁴	7.0	9.4	7.9	8.1	7.3	15.4	14.7	20.8	23.2	26.3
Age										
65–74 years	6.3	8.4	7.5	7.8	6.6	13.8	14.4	20.3	22.7	25.9
75 years and over	8.2	10.9	8.4	8.4	8.1	17.8	15.2	21.5	24.0	26.8
75–84 years	7.9	9.9	7.9	7.8	7.2	16.2	14.1	20.5	22.9	26.3
85 years and over	9.7	14.3	10.2	10.5	11.4	24.9	19.2	25.2	27.9	28.5
Sex ⁵										
Male	5.2	5.8	5.1	6.2	5.3	14.9	14.3	19.6	21.9	26.2
Female	8.6	12.2	9.9	9.5	8.8	16.2	15.0	21.7	24.3	26.3
Race ^{5,6}										
White	5.6	7.4	6.5	6.4	5.7	13.9	13.5	19.3	21.8	25.1
Black	21.2	28.4	19.7	18.0	18.2	34.9	29.0	34.8	38.1	37.0
Hispanic origin and race ⁵										
All Hispanic ⁶	26.4	32.7	29.0	27.2	24.0	22.7	23.6	35.1	38.4	42.5
White, non-Hispanic	4.9	6.1	5.4	5.4	4.7	13.6	12.9	18.4	20.9	24.0
Black, non-Hispanic	21.1	28.5	19.5	18.0	18.1	34.9	29.1	34.8	37.9	37.1
Percent of poverty level ^{5,7}										
Below 100 percent	28.2	36.4	40.0	36.7	35.7	26.4	23.4	27.0	28.4	32.7
100–149 percent	9.0	12.8	13.9	14.1	15.3	20.7	18.6	28.3	33.2	35.9
150–199 percent	4.7	5.9	5.1	6.1	4.2	13.6	16.8	22.7	26.1	31.5
200 percent or more	2.4	2.4	2.7	3.5	2.9	11.0	10.8	14.6	16.7	19.7
Geographic region ⁵										
Northeast	5.4	8.9	6.5	7.5	7.3	17.4	15.3	19.8	19.3	25.5
Midwest	3.7	5.8	5.0	4.9	5.7	13.8	11.0	15.4	16.3	15.7
South	9.7	11.8	10.0	9.6	8.2	16.6	15.9	21.6	26.0	29.0
West	9.4	11.5	9.9	10.2	8.2	14.4	17.2	28.3	31.4	36.4
Location of residence ⁵										
Within MSA ⁸	6.5	8.9	7.5	8.0	6.9	15.9	14.9	22.3	24.4	28.0
Outside MSA ⁸	8.8	11.7	9.4	8.4	8.8	15.5	14.2	15.9	19.7	20.6

¹Almost all persons 65 years of age and over are covered by Medicare also. In 1998, 91 percent of older persons with private insurance also had Medicare.

²Private insurance originally obtained through a present or former employer or union. Starting in 1997 also includes private insurance obtained through workplace, self-employed, or professional association.

³The questionnaire changed compared with previous years. See Appendix II, Health insurance coverage.

⁴Includes all other races not shown separately and unknown poverty level.

⁵Estimates are age adjusted to the year 2000 standard using two age groups: 65–74 years and 75 years and over. See Appendix II, Age adjustment.

⁶The race groups white and black include persons of Hispanic and non-Hispanic origin; persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race.

Other race groups are not shown because sample sizes are too small to obtain reliable estimates.

⁷Prior to 1997 percent of poverty level is based on family income and family size using Bureau of the Census poverty thresholds. Beginning in 1997 percent of poverty level is based on family income, family size, number of children in the family, and, for families with two or fewer adults, the age of adults in the family. See Appendix II, Poverty level. Missing family income data were imputed for 25 percent of the sample 65 years of age and over in 1994, 22 percent in 1995, and 24 percent in 1996. See Appendix II, Family income for information on the imputation process. Percent of poverty level was unknown for 29 percent of sample persons 65 or older in 1997, 34 percent in 1998, and 38 percent in 1999.

⁸MSA is metropolitan statistical area.

⁹Includes public assistance through 1996. Starting in 1997 includes state-sponsored health plans. In 1999 the age-adjusted percent of the population 65 years of age and over covered by Medicaid was 7.4 percent, and 0.4 percent were covered by state-sponsored health plans.

¹⁰Persons covered by Medicare but not covered by private health insurance, Medicaid, public assistance (through 1996), state-sponsored or other government-sponsored health plans (starting in 1997), or military plans. See Appendix II, Health insurance coverage.

NOTES: Percents do not add to 100 because persons with both private health insurance and Medicaid appear in more than one column, and because the percent of persons without health insurance (1.1 percent in 1999) is not shown. Data for additional years are available (see Appendix III).

SOURCES: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, National Health Interview Survey, health insurance supplements (1984, 1989, 1994–1996). Starting in 1997 data are from the family core questionnaires.